

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-14 as follows:

Claim 1. (Amended Thrice) A film coated liquid implant formed by a method comprising:

injecting into a subject in need of said implant at an implant site, into a tissue of said subject, a liquid polymeric composition for controlled release of hydrophobic bioactive substances comprising:

- (a) 1 to 30% w/v of a hydrophobic bioactive substance;
- (b) 1 to 20% w/v of a poly(lactide-co-glycolide) copolymer; wherein the weight ratio of the poly(lactide-co-glycolide) copolymer to the hydrophobic bioactive substance is 1:1 or less; and
- (c) a mixture of hydrophilic and lipophilic solvents is from about 80:20 to about 5:95;

wherein said composition is effective to form said film coated liquid implant at said implant site.

Claim 5. (Amended Thrice) The film coated liquid implant of Claim 1 formed by injecting a composition, into a tissue of said subject, comprising:

- (a) 1 to 10% w/v of a hydrophobic bioactive substance;
- (b) 1 to 10% w/v of a poly(lactide-co-glycolide) copolymer; wherein the weight ratio of the poly(lactide-co-glycolide) copolymer to the hydrophobic bioactive substance is 1:1 or less; and
- (c) a mixture of hydrophilic and lipophilic solvents is from about 65:35 to about 35:65.

Claim 6. (Amended Thrice) The film coated liquid implant of Claim 1 formed by injecting a composition, into a tissue of said subject, comprising:

- (a) 5 to 10% w/v of a hydrophobic bioactive substance;

(b) 5 to 10% w/v of a poly(lactide-co-glycolide) copolymer; wherein the weight ratio of the poly(lactide-co-glycolide) copolymer to the hydrophobic bioactive substance is 1:1 or less; and

(c) a mixture of hydrophilic and lipophilic solvents is from about 65:35 to about 35:65.

Claim 11. (Amended Thrice) The film coated liquid implant of Claim 1 formed by injecting a composition, into a tissue of said subject, comprising:

(a) 5 to 10% w/v of a hydrophobic bioactive substance;

(b) 5 to 10% w/v of a poly(lactide-co-glycolide) copolymer; wherein the ratio of lactide:glycolide of the poly(lactide-co-glycolide) copolymer is from about 75:25 to about 65:35, and the weight ratio of the poly(lactide-co-glycolide) copolymer to the hydrophobic bioactive substance is 1:1 or less; and

(c) a mixture of glycerol formal and triacetin wherein the volume ratio of glycerol formal and triacetin is from about 65:35 to about 35:65.

Claim 12. (Amended Twice) A method for the controlled release of a hydrophobic bioactive substance in an animal, including human, which comprises injecting into a tissue of said animal with a liquid polymeric composition to form the film coated liquid implant of Claim 1.

Claim 13. (Amended Thrice) A film coated liquid implant formed by a method comprising:

injecting into a subject in need of said implant at an implant site, into a tissue of said subject, a liquid polymeric composition comprising:

(a) about 1-30% w/v of at least one bioactive substance;

(b) about 1-20% w/v of at least one biologically acceptable polymer, wherein the weight ratio of the polymer to the bioactive substance is 1:1 or less; and

(c) at least one lipophilic solvent or a mixture of at least one hydrophilic solvent and at least one lipophilic solvent, wherein the volume ratio of the hydrophilic and lipophilic solvents is from about 80:20 to about 0:100, and/or wherein the lipophilic solvent is present in an amount of at least about 16.5% by weight;

wherein said composition is effective to form a film coated liquid at said implant site.